



Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner Vienna



"Just 20 minutes from Washington, D.C. and minutes from many corporate offices, Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner is conveniently close to shopping, sightseeing and cultural events! Our newly renovated 443 guest rooms provide you a good night's sleep while our 40,000 sq. ft. of functional meeting space presents the perfect venue for meetings, conferences as well as spectacular social events.

Green Operations practices promote healthy environments for associates and guests alike. By adopting standardized proven practices the Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner has incorporated green operational initiatives that offer both environmental and economic benefits.

Sheraton Premiere is committed to using environmentally sound practices and products. We offer green meetings through meeting space recycling, sustainable menu options and packaging. Meeting Impact Reports are available to ascertain the value of using the available green meeting practices."

GREEN ACTIVITIES



Optional Linen Service. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Track optional linen participation rate
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals



Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, newspaper, office paper
- Have recycling bins located: recycling receptacles are available in all guest rooms and public areas
- Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment

- Track overall solid waste costs
- Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill

Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Recycle fryer grease and/or filter grease prior to recycling
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Use disposable foodservice items made from bio-based materials, renewable materials
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable
- Use cloth napkins
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper

Office

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Use refillable pens and toner cartridges
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Building and grounds

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use latex low or no-VOC paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping



Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
 - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
 - Automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms

Activities outdoors

- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilizes native species



Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities within the past 12 months
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time
- Calculate the environmental impacts of the facility's energy usage by using a pollution calculator

Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Have installed LED Exit Signs
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

Appliances and electronic devices

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)



Green Events Package. The facility must offer a "green" or "environmentally-friendly" package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages
- Offer: Electronic Sales Tools, Recycled Content Paper Products, Sustainable Meeting Supplies (pens, pencil, tape made of recycled content), Recycled Content Flip Charts, Potted Plant Displays, China Service/ Environmentally Preferred Disposable Products, Bottled Water Replacement, Condiments served in bulk, Sustainable Banquet and Catering Menu Options, Sustainable Banquet and Catering Food Service and Packaging, Meeting Space Recycling, Meeting Impact Reports



For more information on Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner, see <http://www.sheratontysonscorner.com> or contact Linda Tran at linda.tran@sheraton.com or 703-448-1234.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen or www.viriniagreentravel.org.

